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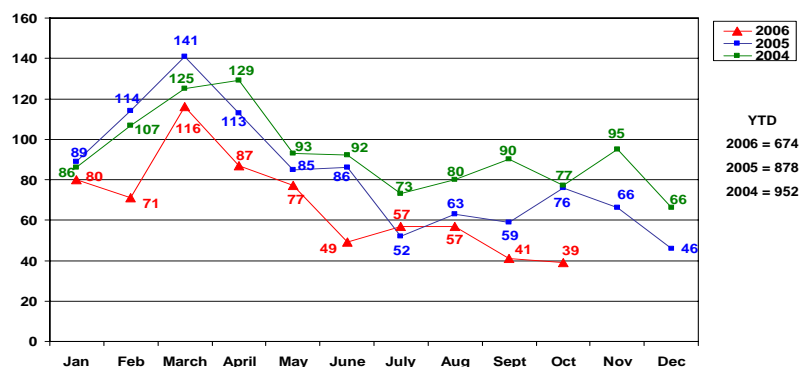
## FOR RELEASE

The Indiana State Police is partnering with federal, state, and local agencies and the private sector to sponsor the National Methamphetamine Awareness Day (NMAD) on November 30, 2006. According to the United States Department of Justice, the goal of NMAD is to generate awareness about the damaging effects of meth abuse on individuals, families and our communities. Education and public outreach are at the heart of the national drug control strategy, and National Methamphetamine Awareness Day will play an important role in highlighting the nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease demand for this highly addictive and dangerous drug.

The Indiana State Police took an aggressive and pro-active stance on methamphetamine in Indiana when it established the Methamphetamine Suppression Section in January of 2006. The section consists of 23 full-time police officers whose primary function is to track down methamphetamine manufacturers and distributors within every county in Indiana.

The Methamphetamine Suppression Section and its partnership with many local law enforcement agencies have been extremely productive in reducing the number of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories seized statewide. The numbers of reported meth labs seized in 2006 is down from 2005 by approximately 23% and continues to drop. Officers from the Methamphetamine Suppression Section have given more than 450 meth awareness presentations to communities all over Indiana reaching in excess of 19,000 Hoosiers. Due to this educational effort, Methamphetamine Suppression Section officers have received more than 1200 meth related tips from concerned citizens who have decided to help in the fight against methamphetamine and its manufacturers.

Indiana State Police Lab Seizures 2004 – 2006



The Indiana State Police is an active member in the Meth Free Indiana Coalition and works closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to develop strategies to reduce methamphetamine production and distribution in Indiana. For more information, contact Sergeant Ray Poole.